

**Introduced by Senator Runner**  
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14— Relative to California Space Day.

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SCR 14, as introduced, Runner. Satellite industry.

This measure would acknowledge the growth and contributions of the satellite industry to California, urge the public to recognize the growth of this sector as an important economic and job creation engine that deserves to be nurtured and encouraged to remain and expand in California, and recognize April 12, 2005, as California Space Day, in special recognition of how the satellite industry has found a consumer market and is improving the lives of our citizens.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The satellite industry has been the largest and
- 2 fastest growing segment of the overall space industry, having
- 3 tripled in size from over \$15 billion in 1996 to over \$49 billion in
- 4 2002, according to a recent statistics study of the Satellite
- 5 Industries Association; and
- 6 WHEREAS, California's share of this global market is
- 7 approximately 20 percent, and it is forecasted to be over 30
- 8 percent by 2010; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Transmission from more than 3,500 satellites
- 10 currently orbiting in operation above the earth's atmosphere are
- 11 increasingly making a greater contribution to the everyday lives

1 of consumers and transforming our world into a truly global  
2 neighborhood; and

3 WHEREAS, Satellite technology is an enabler and partner with  
4 many other key California industries such as information  
5 technology, telecommunications, entertainment, environment  
6 studies, and agricultural management; and

7 WHEREAS, Average citizens are using satellite based global  
8 positioning systems to map themselves to destinations, while  
9 businesses are using the same systems to manage trucking fleets  
10 and railroad cars; and

11 WHEREAS, Scientists are using remote earth sensing satellites  
12 to monitor erosion and environmental degradation, and for ocean  
13 and forest management; and

14 WHEREAS, Direct satellite broadcasting of television and  
15 radio programming is bringing new and improved entertainment  
16 services to living rooms across America; and

17 WHEREAS, Farmers use satellites to monitor animal herds and  
18 to manage crop moisture and pest infestation; and

19 WHEREAS, Many other applications of satellite technology  
20 are being used each and every day; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
22 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature acknowledges the  
23 growth and contributions of the satellite industry to California  
24 and urges the public to recognize the growth of this sector as an  
25 important economic and job creation engine that deserves to be  
26 nurtured and encouraged to remain and expand in California; and  
27 be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes April 12, 2005, as  
29 California Space Day, in special recognition of how the satellite  
30 industry has found a consumer market and is improving the lives  
31 of our citizens; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That suitable copies of this resolution be provided to  
33 the author for appropriate distribution.